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SUBJECT: GOB REPRESENTATION AT PANAMA SELA MEETING

REF: STATE 126782

1. MINFINANCE OFFICIAL (CLAUDIO CLADERON, ASSISTANT TO HECTOR ORMACHEA) ASKED ECONOFF JULY 18 TO COMMENT ON DRAFT SELA DOCUMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AT PANAMA MEETING. CALDERON SAID PANAMA HAS INVITED MINISTER OF FINANCE CASTILLO TO ATTEND SELA MEETING BUT GOB HAS NOT YET REPLIED. ADDED THAT 12 LA COUNTRIES HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO PANAMA MEETING, BUT 4 OTHERS SUGGESTED THAT MEETING BE AT TECHNICAL RATHER THAN MINISTERIAL LEVEL. NOW FIRST TWO DAYS OF MEETING WILL BE AT TECHNICAL LEVEL AND LAST TWO DAYS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO SIGN DOCUMENT CREATING SELA. CALDERON SAID CUBA WOULD DEFINITELY PARTICIPATE AT PANAMA AND IN SELA, SINCE "THAT'S THE BASIC IDEA" OF THE PROPOSAL.

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2. CALDERON SAID MINFIN SEES PANAMA MEETING AS MORE POLITICAL

THAN ECONOMIC AND THEREFORE UNSURE ABOUT HOW AND AT WHAT
LEVEL MINFIN SHOULD PARTICIPATE AT PANAMA, ALTHOUGH HE
SAID GOB WOULD BE PRESENT IN SOME FORM. CALDERON SEES LITTLE
ECONOMIC UTILITY OF ORGANIZATION.

3. ECONOFF REITERATED U.S. POSITION CONTAINED STATE 126782.
EMBASSY MADE SAME POINTS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FONMIN
PREVIOUSLY. CALDERON GAVE CONOFF COPY OF DRAFT DOCUMENT
AND ASKED FOR DETAILED COMMENTS ON IT BY JULY 21. SELA
GOALS IN DRAFT GENERALLY FOLLOW DESCRIPTION IN PARA 2
OF REFTEL INCLUDING MEASURES AND MECHANISMS TO OBTAIN
REMUNERATIVE PRICES AND MARKETS FOR LA EXPORTS RAW
MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURES. WE INTEND HOLD FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH CALDERON STICKING TO GUIDANCE IN REFTEL
UNLESS DEPT HAS FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
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